

The Seneca Village Council held a public hearing at Seneca Village Hall on June 16, 2015 at 6:45 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Absent: none

Mayor Spicer turned the topic of the yearly appropriation ordinance over to Commissioner Barla; he announced that even though the purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the maximum amounts to be expended under the respective accounts; that it should not be construed as an agreement as approval of maximum expenditures. Commissioner Barla also announced the ordinance had changes that were reviewed and also thanked Village Treasurer Nancy Spampinato for her dedication to updating the document. No questions were asked on the subject.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the public hearing of June 16, 2015 is adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Timmons, Barla, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 16, 2015 at 6:50pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the June 2, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Timmons, Barla, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Commissioner Barla indicated that the May Treasurer's Report had been adjusted to reflect a division of the General Accounts by allocated and non-allocated funds.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the May Treasurer's Report, Payroll and Payment of Bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Well #3 Update
2. Flood Report

Ms. Erica L. Blumberg of Mack & Associates gave a yearly presentation on the Village audit from 2014-15; including reviewing financial statements providing comments and suggestions. No questions were presented to her.

Mr. Josh English of Horton Insurance gave a presentation on the Horton Group and their insurance services; it was consensus of Council to proceed with obtaining a quote from Mr. English at a later date.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla presented the revised yearly Appropriation Ordinance for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Ordinance #15-05, Appropriation Ordinance as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Commissioner Barla also indicated he wished to purchase five computers; one for each councilman to utilize during their term.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure to Dell not to exceed \$5,000.00 out of the Accounts and Finance Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Park Board will be sponsoring a "Seneca Night" at the Silver Cross Stadium for a Slammers game on July 11, 2015; he presented ticket information. In addition, he stated that Village employees will be making a water meter replacement at Mariner's Village in the near future and that residents should not be affected. Also, the standpipe will be undergoing an inspection due to a leak; this will involve draining and examining the tank and sealing leak; in addition, a valve installation will need to take place prior at a cost of approximately \$5,174.00 total. The valve installation will provide a live tap capability, thus no boil order to residents or businesses should occur. The Village maintenance staff will work with the contractor to provide the labor, creating a savings to the Village. Consensus of council to allow \$500.00 expense to Midwest Chlorinating and a motion was presented for the main expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure of \$4,674.00 to Underground Pipe & Valve out of the Water Department Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Barla, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Commissioner Timmons stated in addition that a replacement is set for June 17, 2015 on well #3; it is believed that the pump has malfunctioned and it has been researched that pump is still under warranty. Commissioner Timmons stated it should take approximately 1-2 days to complete and update. The question was posed as to whether the new installation of pump will extend the current warranty starting on the new installation date, Commissioner Timmons was unaware of the answer and indicated he would check on it.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson commended entire maintenance staff including the summer help for their efforts during the recent flooding situation; he announced there were nine truckloads of debris removed from the creek areas and that residents should be patient during the cleanup process.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee announced that the Seneca Police staff conducted their 21st Tobacco Compliance Check of the Seneca tobacco retailers; there were no sales of tobacco products to minors and the program is fully funded by a yearly grant. Comm. Applebee referred to Kathy Haralson, EMA Director for an update on the recent flooding. Ms. Haralson stated that on today's date, LaSalle County had declared an emergency at 1:30pm due to the current flooding that was experienced and in preparation for the potential precipitation expected next weekend. Also, the Seneca Boat Launch has been closed until further notice and she indicated the last flooding was severe by the Seneca Waste water treatment plant, and a plan for sandbags should be devised; Comm. Applebee thanked Ms. Haralson for her efforts. An announcement was made regarding the many efforts of the 2015 Sesquicentennial Committee, the celebration is set for June 24, 2015 to June 28th and includes a carnival midway on Williams Street, live bands, beer garden, beard contest, historical displays and tours, kid's activities, shipyard shuffle 5K run/walk event, shipyard workers day, founders day and fireworks.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Village is hosting a cleanup event on Friday, June 19th and Saturday June 20th; he announced all details. In addition, the Village has given approval for the IL Valley Building Trades Council to hold its annual fundraiser for Dollars Against Diabetes, Dad's Day scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015. Mayor Spicer stated the previous Village council declined to pay for the 2015 Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce membership dues; he asked the current council to review again and after discussion it was agreed that the consensus of council was to allow the expenditure of \$480.00. Mayor Spicer also indicated he had reached out to Marseilles Mayor James Trager on behalf of the Seneca Village Council to provide flood relief if needed; Mayor Spicer thanked Commissioner Barla for providing the call idea.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the June 16, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:59pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk